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Razzamataz opens with Alice in Wonderland

The first Razzamataz Kids' Shows of the new year is family favourite: *Alice in Wonderland*. But this isn't your typical rendition of the classic story of a girl in a different world.

It's part dance, part theatre, part triathlon. "It's extremely energetic, a lot of physicality, a lot of throwing and running and dancing," says co-writer/co-director James Croker of Motus O Dance Theatre. "It's all the same characters but leans more towards the original book by Lewis Carroll. The take we took is that Alice enters into the world and is trying to make sense of a world that just doesn't make sense. It's frustrating for her but a lot of fun for us." Croker plays the Mad

Hatter, Rabbit and Tweedledum.

Alice is the second show that Motus O Dance Theatre created back in 1992. The production toured for almost 10 years before being shelved. It was only brought back a few years ago and will be in Haliburton at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Croker says there is something in *Alice* for the whole family. "The kids all laugh because it's got quite a bit of buffoonery in it, [they] love that type of interaction but we also do social or political commentary for the adults. Also we use a number of Queen songs in it as well as a lot of modern and classical music. The way we approach theatre and dance is we write the shows for the child in every adult and the adult in every child." Croker says he feels many children's shows are pandered down for the kids when they shouldn't be. "Kids deal with pretty much everything that we deal with as adults, so we really want to encourage them to approach theatre as a sense as you can understand this and your have a voice in there. If we can activate the audience's imagination then we have won because their imagination is far more powerful then anything we can bring to the stage."

Don't think that this is also a play where you just sit back, relax and enjoy what's on stage. There is plenty of chances for you to be part of the performance as well. Croker is holding a dance residency for all aspiring dancers Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday, Jan. 10.

Croker says dancers of all ages will be auditioned to be in the show. "There are five scenes that they partake in – one is where Alice is looking for the white rabbit's gloves, another is the caterpillar scene and a whole scene where they are part of the croquet game with the Queen."

The residency is \$30 which includes the price of your show ticket. Contact Dawn Hurd at 705-854-0728 or email dawnmole_393@hotmail.com to register.

Croker adds that live performances can be very powerful and being a part of the show deepens the experience, "It's real people doing real things in real time. As wonderful as movies and TV are, they pre-focus you – they tell you where to look and tell you how to interpret the scene, but in real theatre you can be looking pretty much anywhere you want. The power of real theatre is that there can be many, many interpretations and experiences plus there is nothing quite like real people in real time doing real things. It immediately engages your imagination."

Tickets to *Alice in Wonderland* are available at the door – \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids and those under two are free. Tickets are also available online at www.razzamataz.ca.

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"We are thrilled to have received so many offers of support and funds over the last two months. Haliburton is a truly giving community," says David Barker, spokesperson for the committee. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, anyone inter-

ested in volunteering, donating or hearing more about plans to bring refugees are asked to come to St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, at 7 p.m.

The refugee committee is working with Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA), a charity based in Toronto. The local committee is a non-denominational group with varied membership and all are welcome.

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A quit-smoking support program will be timely for local smokers who want to stick with their resolutions to kick some butt in the New Year.

The STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) program will be offered in Lindsay, Minden and Port Hope in the first few weeks of 2016. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is partnering with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to bring STOP to the area. The STOP Program is a unique quit-smoking program that provides resources and five weeks of nicotine patches free of charge to smokers. The goal is to help more smokers quit for good.

The STOP program is being offered as follows:

- On Saturday, Jan. 9, in Lindsay.
- On Saturday, Feb. 6, in Minden.
- On Saturday, Feb. 6, in Port Hope.

To see if they qualify for the STOP program, local smokers are asked to call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577. They can also get more details on exact times and locations for each session.

"When it comes to New Year's resolutions, quitting smoking is one of the most popular ones to make, but one of the most difficult to keep," notes Karen Taylor, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The STOP program is timely because it can help smokers achieve their goal of becoming successful quitters."

Since its inception 10 years ago, the STOP program has helped thousands of Ontario residents who wanted to quit smoking. Providing free patches and other nicotine replacement therapy is one of the key approaches taken by the program.

"Nicotine patches are very effective, but can be very expensive for some people," Taylor says. "With the STOP program, patches are available free of charge and can really improve your chances of staying smoke-free. Even if it does not work out this time, every quit-smoking attempt brings you closer to success."

The holiday season is also an ideal time to consider becoming tobacco-free in 2016. "Overcoming your tobacco addiction is one of the best presents to give your loved ones," she adds.

The physical benefits of being tobacco-free start almost immediately. Within 20 minutes of quitting, a person's blood pressure returns to normal; within eight hours, blood carbon monoxide levels drop and oxygen levels increase; and after two days, a person's sense of smell and taste improves. There are other advantages to becoming tobacco-free as well. "You have more energy and more money in your pocket not having to pay for cigarettes," Taylor says.



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Land trust changes structure

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is currently receiving a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), intended to hire an executive director who would be responsible for operations, programming and resource development. OTF has recently approved a change in the structure of the staffing that will permit the hiring of two part-time positions, a program co-ordinator and a director of resource development.

These changes will take place immediately, and the land trust is thrilled to announce that Heather Deveaux will continue working on operations and projects, and has also been hired as the land trust program co-ordinator.

The recruitment process for the director of resource development will begin in early January.

The land trust is also pleased to announce that Dianne Mathes has been re-instated as chairwoman of the land trust and will fill that role until the AGM in the spring.

"We have really taken our time this fall to reflect and to redesign our goals for this grant and for the land trust to ensure our success. It is our intention to work closely with the community and we are looking forward to embracing local talent and expertise in this new position. We appreciate greatly how willing and supportive our funder, OTF, has been in the restructuring of these positions," Mathes says.

Keep an eye out for the job advertisement in our local newspapers in the New Year.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

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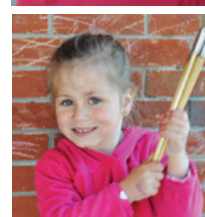
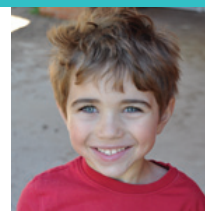
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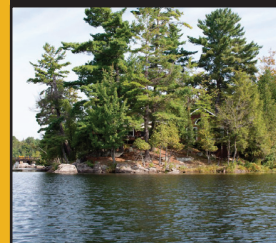


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Make bathroom design your New Year's resolution



**Andria Cowan
Molyneaux
Design Corner**

As we start a new and exciting year, we turn our attention to achieving our New Year's resolutions, and with them our hopes for a safer, easier, and healthier way of life. Aside from the guilt induced exercise and dieting regimes, there is indeed one area of our lives that would benefit greatly from these lofty goals, and surprisingly that is bathroom design.

As a professional interior decorator and aging in place specialist, I am passionate about helping my clients to achieve their goals, and to help them realize the benefits of universal design when renovating their family bathroom. But what is universal design, and how can it make your bathroom safer, easier, and more convenient for everyone in the family to use?

Having evolved from accessible design, universal design is the principle of creating products, and designing interior space so that everyone, regardless of age, ability or disability, can use them. According to UniversalDesign.com, "universal design takes into account the full range of human diversity, including physical, perceptual, and cognitive abilities, as well as different body sizes and shapes."

By embracing the principles of universal design, you can ensure that all members of your family, regardless of age, size, or ability can access and use the bathroom more conveniently and effectively. To highlight some of these principles, I share with you my nine helpful tips for designing a universal family bathroom.

Tip # 1: Evaluate The Available Space

Does your current bathroom suffer from limited or poorly organized space? If the answer is yes, and it's only 7' x 5' in size, you might have to accept that you're not going to be able to create a spa-like bathroom with large walk in shower, free standing bathtub, and double vanity. Having said this, don't let space be a limiting factor.

Think outside of the bathroom foot-

print, and see if you can take over space from a rarely used bedroom, dysfunctional closet, or hidden crawlspace behind the wall. If in doubt, ask a professional decorator to help you determine the best approach for realizing space within your home.

Tip # 2: Set Your Budget Wisely

The cost of designing and renovating a bathroom can add up quickly. For example, when planning a bathroom renovation for a 7' x 5' bathroom, you could expect to spend anywhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000. Having said this, there are many factors that play into the final costs of renovating a family bathroom. The most valuable tip that I can give is to not develop your budget in isolation, but to reach out to a design professional, and seek their help in creating a budget that takes into account the complete scope of the project as well as a contingency for any unforeseen issues found behind the wall or under the floor.

Tip # 3: Longevity Vs Immediate Needs

When undertaking any renovation you should always consider its future longevity. As you know, everything in life has a lifespan, whether it's roofing shingles or design aesthetic. When planning your bathroom renovation, consider how long you want the designed space to last. Should it last the duration of your home ownership, or meet the needs of any person that may visit your home?

Universal design is a savvy way to lengthen the lifespan of your bathroom renovation. When considering the types of users of your bathroom, which could be young children or aging parents, why not view universal design as a prudent approach for the future, helping you to save time and money with costly re-renovations down the road.

Tip # 4: Bathtub Or Shower?

This is a common question that I have been asked many times by my clients, and my answer invariably depends upon on the available space, and the homeowners' current and future needs. As needs vary between families with young children and empty nesters, it may also be prudent to consider the investment potential of renovating your bathroom using universal design.

When considering the resale value of your home, Peter Brady, broker and owner of Trophy Property advises his clients that buyers typically look for at least one bathtub in the home or cottage, and that buyers always consider the needs of children and grandparents in their purchase decision. If in your decision making process you decide to install a shower only, make sure to install a curbless shower so that there are no accessibility concerns.

Tip # 5: Lighting

Think of the bathroom as being one of the most intimate spaces in your home. From grooming to bathing, and toileting, lighting helps you to see what you are doing. When considering your bathroom needs, ask yourself these types of questions. What do I need the light for? What type of lighting is best suited to these needs, and what type of fixtures and finishes do I want to tie in with the overall design?

At the very least, make sure that you put a water rated light(s) in the shower and bathtub area, and do not under-light your vanity space. A simple trick to amplify your lighting in the bathroom is to mount your lighting fixtures (scones) directly onto a mirrored wall, so that light can be reflected around the room.

Tip # 6: Fixtures & Finishing

My favourite part! The fixtures and finishes are the jewelry of the bathroom. With so many beautiful products on the market, it makes sense to seek the help of a professional interior decorator to help you explore the world of faucets, vanities, and tiles for your bathroom.

When deciding on faucets, consider whether you like a single post faucet with the handle attached, or a faucet where the handles are either side of the spigot. When choosing the type of handle, I recommend a lever handle, as it is more accessible to all users. In the shower and bathtub area, I recommend the addition of a handheld fixture with a regular showerhead. This handheld fixture is handy for cleaning the bathing area, perfect for washing children and pets without getting soaked, and considerate of an aging parent who needs to sit down to bathe.

When considering the vanity for the bathroom, remember that it serves two purposes: to hold the sink(s), and to pro-

vide much-needed storage. When shopping for a vanity for your bathroom, an excellent long-term option is a wall-hung vanity. Available in many types different types of styles and finishes, this type of vanity offers multiple benefits from space saving design and smart storage solutions.

Finally, on the floor and walls I recommend tiles, and in particular a mosaic tile for the floor. Using a mosaic tile on the floor increases the amount of grout that helps to prevent the risk of slipping. If you are cost conscious, use ceramic or porcelain over natural stone. You can generally find the same pattern of tile in all options so here is a good place to cut costs without cutting back on your design.

Tip # 7: Toileting

Considered a must in any bathroom. Choosing the right toilet is very important, and careful consideration should be given to the height, comfort and functionality of your toilet. When buying a toilet, there are many options to choose from, such as sanigloss finishing in the bowl, flush demands and seats that will rinse and then dry your privates! If space is a commodity in your bathroom, I recommend choosing a rounded front instead of an elongated bowl. The best way to decide is to visit a showroom, ask questions and sit on them.

Tip # 8: Accessorize

No space is final unless it has the proper accessories. Using flowers, art and towels is a fantastic and relatively inexpensive way to bring colour into your bathroom. Choosing a neutral and timeless palette in your tiles can allow you to keep pace with changing trends.

Tip # 9: Tax Credits

Depending on your age and financial position, make sure that you speak with your accountant and contractor to see if you are eligible to take advantage of any available tax credits. For example:

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As a professional interior decorator and aging in place specialist, I love the opportunity to talk about universal bathroom design. I hope

that my helpful tips have inspired you to fulfill your New Year's resolution of renovating your family bathroom.

Andria Cowen Molyneaux, County Life contributor, interior decorator and aging in place specialist, helps us to achieve our New Year's resolutions, by sharing with us her design tips for renovating a family bathroom. To contact Andria: andria@acm-designs.com or 1-844-414-LAKE.



Design Dilemma

Do you have a design dilemma and need some help?

Write into The Echo/Minden Times care of the editor jenn@haliburtonpress.com with a photo and short story about anything design related and your question(s) could be answered in next month's Design Corner.

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When: Sunday Jan. 10th
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Contact: chris@sirsams.com 705-754-2298

HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse

When: Wednesday, January 13, 10 am to noon
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Harco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village.
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

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When: Wednesday, January 13, 10:30 am to Noon
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When: Saturday, January 16th, 10am-12pm
Where: Upstairs at the Haliburton Arena
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Contact: 705-457-2760 or info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1pm start

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Thursday: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
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Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1\$ each from noon onwards
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